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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Hidetsugu GOTO

SERIAL NO: 10/538,481

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EXAMINER:

FOR: GENE IMPROVING TEMPERATURE-TOLERANCE OF ACETIC ACID BACTERIUM, ACETIC ACID BACTERIUM BRED USING THE GENE AND PROCESS FOR PRODUCING VINEGAR USING THE ACETIC ACID BACTERIUM

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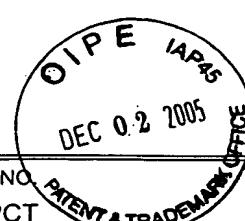
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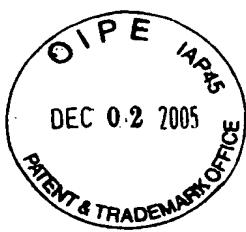
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